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5. The statement is signed by Fritsche and countersigned by his lawyer, Dr. Heinz Fritz.

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Erklaerung des Hans Fritzsche hinsichtlich seiner Taetigkeit im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda und seiner Mitgliedschaft in der N.S.B.A.P.

Ich, Hans Fritzsche, habe die unten aufgefuehrten Aemter in den ebenfalls unten erwaehnten Zeitabschnitten inne gehabt:

1. Mitglied der N.S.D.A.P., vom 1.Mai 1933 bis 1945, jedoch habe ich niemals ein Amt in der N.S.D.A.P. bekleidet.
2. Leiter des "Drahtloser Dienst", von 1932 bis 1938.
3. Leiter des Referats Nachrichtenwesen in der "Presseabteilung der Reichsregierung" im Ministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda, von 1933 bis 1937.
4. Chef der "Abteilung Deutsche Presse" Teil der "Presseabteilung der Reichsregierung" im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda, von 1938 bis 1942.
5. Ministerialdirektor im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda, von 1942 bis 1945.
6. "Beauftragter fuer die politische Gestaltung des Grossdeutschen Rundfunks" im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda, vom 3.November 1942 bis 1945.
7. Leiter der Abteilung Rundfunk im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda mit dem Titel Ministerialdirektor, von 1942 bis 1945.
8. Ich gehoerte demnach niemals der Reichsregierung (Reich Cabinet) an.

Ich versichere hierdurch, dass die von mir obengemachten Erklaerungen der Wahrheit entsprechen.

Nuernberg, Deutschland, am 19 November 1945

Als Zeuge:

Dr. Heinz Fritz
Verteidiger

Hans Fritzsche

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AFFIDAVIT BY HANS FRITZSCHE AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE REICH MINISTRY FOR PEOPLE'S ENLIGHTENMENT AND PROPAGANDA AND TO HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NSDAP

I, Hans Fritzsche, hold the offices mentioned below for the periods indicated:

1. Member of the NSDAP, from 1 May 1933 until 1945; however, I have never held an office in the NSDAP.

2. Head of the Wireless News Service (Drahtloser Dient), from 1932 until 1938.

3. Head of the News Section within the Press Division of the Reich Cabinet (Presseabteilung der Reichsregierung) within the Reich Ministry for People's Enlightenment and Propaganda (Ministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda), from 1933 until 1937.

4. Chief of the Home Press Division within the Press Division of the Reich Cabinet in the Reich Ministry for People's Enlightenment and Propaganda (Chef der "Abteilung Deutsche Presse" Teil der "Presseabeilung der Reichsregierung" im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda), from 1938 until 1942.

5. Ministerialdirector in the Reich Ministry for People's Enlightenment and Propaganda, from 1942 until 1945.

6. Plenipotentiary for the Political Organization of the Greater German Radio in the Reich Ministry for People's Enlightenment and Propaganda (Beauftragter fuer die politische Gestaltung des Grossdeutschen Rundfunks im Reichsministerium fuer Volksaufklaerung und Propaganda), from 1942 until 1945.

7. Head of the Radio Division (Leiter der Abteilung Rundfunk) in the Reich Ministry for People's Enlightenment and Propaganda with the title Ministerialdirektor, from 1942 until 1945.

8. Accordingly I have never been a member of the Reich Cabinet (Reichsregierung).

I declare hereby that the above statement is true.

Nürnberg, Germany, 19 November, 1945.

/s/ Hans Fritzsche
HANS FRITZSCHE

As witness:
/s/ Dr. Fritz
DR. HEINZ FRITZ
Defense Lawyer

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